



From : Joe Dorward
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To : Dick Balharry
Subject : Restoring the Caledonian Forest

Dick,

Like anyone I like to see red deer in the hills, but it is self-evident that the number of red deer we all remember were artificially high. Those artificially high numbers of red deer caused an unbalanced habitat and it is self-evident that the numbers of red deer had to be reduced to re-balance the habitat. It is also self-evident that it unnecessary to kill all the red deer in an area for regeneration to take place. All that is needed is to reduce the red deer population to 'some level' where enough seedlings will survive to increase the number of trees in the forest.

Generally, the red deer population should be reduced and maintained at a level that is beneficial to all the other forms of life in the forest - a balance habitat.

Joe